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Dear Mrs. Draper,

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Thank you for your examination report. My attempts to reach you by phone are in vain.

When you were out of the office, I questioned, on a phone call on Sept. 11, Mr. Dickson how to prolong the extension time, how much the fees are, whether he gives consent on subdividing the patent appl. 09/554,463 into four divisional appls. etc. On Sept. 14 I sent him a facsimile. He sent me a reply thereto on Sept 16, for which I thanked him on my facsimile of Sept. 27.

When I submitted to USPTO all the divisional appls., Mrs. Stractor phoned me why I should pay an extension fee for each divisional appl. Upon learning Mr. Dickson's decision she asked me for his phone number.

USPTO has already charged me an entrance- and extension fee for each divisional appl. and registered them as US 2,447,263, 2,447,267 and 2,447,580.

Hence, the information under the heading "CROSS..." about the divisional appl. is absolutely correct.

The following amendments are completed:

1. Claims 1 to 32 are changed into 42 to 73.
2. Claim 42: "a main latch plate (9), moveable *either along the lap belt portion (1.3) or along the second shoulder belt portion (1.2)*".
3. The repeated use of *which* is avoided in Claim 42 line 19 and Claims 46 to 48.
4. The Claims 53 and 54 are rewritten.
5. The Claim 59 is wrong because of referring to a key and receptacle which are parts of a belt-feeding device of US 2,447,267. This Claim is amended.
6. A lower and upper body-part of a body is amended into a lower and upper body.

The references, you cited, US 6,145,881, 6,375,270 and 6,076,894 were filed to USPTO on 01/05/99, 01/03/2000 and 02/26/99 after the national and international prior date of all four divisional appls, above-mentioned, on 11/11/97 and 11/10/98. The remaining references, you cited, and that, briefly described in pp. 3 line 4 to 5, are outlined in the amended specification.

Mr Lejeune, Examiner of the German Patent Office, has subdivided a single appl. DE 197 49 780 A1 into three

1. DE 197 49 780 C2, EP 1 037 773 B1, US 09/554,463, which are subdivided into four appls., etc;
2. DE 197 58 497 C2;
3. DE 197 58 498 C2, EP 1 037 771 B1, US 09/554,464 etc.

The DE 197 49 780 A1 was attached to the EP 1 037 773 B1 when submitted to USPTO. Logically, I am allowed to put many new materials into the amended appls. However, I assure you that only relevant information for better understanding is added thereto.

If you have objection, please fax it to me. Thank you for your help in advance.

Kind regards

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